## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

IN RE:

ACandS, Inc., Case No.: 02-12687

Armstrong World Industries, Inc., **Docket No. 3728**Case No.: 00-4471

Combustion Engineering, Inc.,

Case No.: 03-10495

Docket No. 3483

The Flintkote Company, Case No.: 04-11300

Maiser Aluminum Corp.,

Docket No. 7498
Case No.: 02-10429

Owens Corning,

Docket No. 10301

Case No.: 00-3837

Docket No. 21075

US Mineral Products Company,

Case No.: 01-2471

Docket No. 3996

Case No.: 01-2094

USG Corp.,

Docket No. 12680

W.R. Grace & Co.,

Docket No. 12689

Case No.: 01-1139

Docket No. 30490

Debtors.

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

Mid-Valley, Inc. Case No.: 03-35592

Docket Nos. 2846

North American Refractories Co. Case No.: 02-20198

**Docket Nos. 7881** Case No.: 00-22876

Pittsburgh Corning Corp. Case No.: 00-228 **Docket Nos. 9299** 

Debtors.

## STATEMENT OF COUNSEL TO CERTAIN LAW FIRM OBJECTORS REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIAL MASTER

The undersigned counsel represents the following law firms: Kazan, McClain,

Lyons, Greenwood & Harley, Waters & Kraus LLP, Simmons Browder Gianaris Angelides &

Barnerd LLC, Bergman, Draper & Frockt, Gori Julian, & Associates, P.C., Early, Lucarelli, Sweeney & Strauss, Cooney & Conway, Lipsitz & Ponterio, LLC, Bifferato LLC, and Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP (the "Certain Law Firm Objectors"). Furthermore, the undersigned counsel is authorized to file this statement on behalf of the law firms represented by Stutzman Bromberg Esserman & Plifka, and the four Asbestos Claimants' Committees represented by Caplin & Drysdale (collectively with the Certain Law Firm Objectors, the "Lead Objectors").

As the Court is aware, the Lead Objectors participated in the litigation resulting from Garlock Sealing Technologies LLC's ("Garlock") motion for access to exhibits filed pursuant to Fed. R. Bank. P. 2019 in the twelve above-captioned asbestos bankruptcy cases.

On April 9, 2013, the Court filed its Order Establishing the Protocol for Production of 2019 Exhibits (Case No. 00-03837-JKF, D.I. 21075) (the "<u>Protocol Order</u>").

Paragraph 23 of the Protocol Order provided that "Garlock shall review the WDPA Special Master Panel and, after consultation the parties to the DOD and PAWB appeals identified in paragraph 4, above, and by April 8, 2013, Garlock shall recommend a Pittsburgh-based Special Master to undertake the 2019 Exhibit Production."

On April 8, 2013, counsel to Garlock provided a letter to the Court identifying Messrs. Robert Bernstein, Karl Schieneman and David White as potential special masters under the Protocol Order (the "<u>Potential Special Masters</u>").

Contrary to the requirements of paragraph 23 of the Protocol Order, counsel for Garlock did not consult with the Lead Objectors prior to identifying the Proposed Special Masters.

On April 9, 2013, the undersigned counsel contacted counsel to Garlock to begin a dialogue of behalf of the Lead Objectors regarding the Proposed Special Masters.

On April 10, 2013, the undersigned counsel also contacted the Court's chambers to inform the Court that the parties would meet and confer regarding the Proposed Special Masters.

The undersigned counsel, on behalf of the Lead Objectors, respectfully requests that the Court briefly defer appointment of a special master until the parties can report back to the Court promptly following their meet and confer regarding the Proposed Special Masters.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 10, 2013 /s/ Natalie D. Ramsey

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